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Item 4 of the provisional agenda*
Participation of national human rights institutions in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

Draft decision submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations

Modalities of participation of national human rights institutions in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

The Open-ended Working Group on Ageing,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/163 of 17 December 2015 concerning national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, in which the Assembly encouraged all relevant United Nations mechanisms and processes, in accordance with their respective mandates, including the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, to further enhance the participation of national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles and to allow for their contribution to these United Nations mechanisms and processes, bearing in mind the relevant provisions dealing with their participation contained in General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, 5/2 and 16/21 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/74,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, which reaffirmed the important and constructive role played by national human rights institutions, in particular in their advisory capacity to the competent authorities and their role in preventing and remedying human rights violations, in disseminating information on human rights and in education in human rights,

Decides:

(a) To invite national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles to participate in its work, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

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(b) That accreditation to each session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing will be granted, upon request, to national human rights institutions which are accredited by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions and are in full compliance with the Paris Principles, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/134 of 20 December 1993 ("A" status institutions), in line with the criteria agreed upon by the Global Alliance at its 19th session in March 2007;

(c) That the Secretariat shall circulate to all States members of the Open-ended Working Group a list of applications for accreditation received from national human rights institutions in full compliance with the Paris Principles, with the names of their representatives, no less than four weeks prior to each session of the Working Group.

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Agenda item 8
Adoption of the report

Draft report

Rapporteur: Lidija **Dravec** (Slovenia)

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Open-ended Working Group on Ageing held its seventh working session at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 15 December 2016. The Working Group held ___ meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Chair of the Working Group, Mateo Estrémé (Argentina).

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States Members of the United Nations. Representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is available from http://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/seventhsession.shtml.

C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 12 December, the Working Group elected, by acclamation, Alanoud Qassim Al-Temimi (Qatar) and Lidija Dravec (Slovenia) as Vice-Chairs to fill the vacancies following the departure of Aldaana Mohammed A.H. Al-Mulla (Qatar) and Matej Marn (Slovenia).

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D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 12 December, the Working Group adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document A/AC.278/2016/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing.
4. Participation of national human rights institutions in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing.
5. Measures to enhance the promotion and protection of the human rights and dignity of older persons.
6. Other matters.
7. Provisional agenda for the eighth working session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing.
8. Adoption of the report.

6. At the same meeting, the Working Group approved the proposed organization of work for its seventh working session, as set out in an informal paper, in English only.

E. Participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

7. At its 1st meeting, on 12 December, the Working Group decided to approve the participation of the following non-governmental organizations to participate in its work:

Age International
CareRights
COCAEL
Community Hive Organisation
DroItS huMains Océan Indien
Gerontoplus
Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti
International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care
International Association of Homes & Services for the Ageing
International Association of World Peace Advocates
International Longevity Centre
New World Hope Organization
Old Generation Rejuvenation Ashram
Pramacare
RAS Outreach Wellness Programme for the Aged
Seniors Rights Service

Tsao Foundation
Uganda Reach the Aged Association
Yemi Age Nigeria Foundation

F. Participation of national human rights institutions in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

[*To be completed*]

G. Measures to enhance the promotion and protection of the human rights and dignity of older persons

[*To be completed*]

H. Adoption of the report

8. At its 1st meeting, on 12 December, the Working Group was informed that the Chair's summary of the key points of the seventh working session would be finalized at a later stage by the Secretariat in collaboration with the Bureau and would be included in the report.

9. At its ___ meeting, on ___December, the Working Group adopted the draft report on its seventh working session, as contained in document A/AC.278/2016/L.2.

I. Documentation

10. The list of documents before the Working Group at its seventh working session is available from http://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/seventhsession.shtml.